

Workforce Partnership of Greater RI
Executive Committee
January 5, 2016

Committee Members Present: Steven Kitchin, Paul Ouellette, Gail Patry, Robin Ann Smith, Paul Wielgus

WPGRI Staff: Nancy Olson, Carlos Ribeiro, Diane Vendetti

Welcome

Chair Steven Kitchin called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Minutes of September 2, 2015

Chair Kitchin requested the Committee review the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting.

Paul Wielgus noted that his last name was misspelled.

Vote: Gail Patry made a motion to accept the minutes of September 2, 2015 as amended for the misspelling correction. Paul Wielgus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chair Kitchin reported the reason that the committee hasn't met is that there haven't been any voting items to discuss. He also mentioned concerns with the timeline for WIOA implementation which is now under new leadership at DLT.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Olson stated that WIOA implementation in the One Stops is fully operational and there has been no impact on service delivery to customers. She informed the committee that GRI did receive notification of local area designation under WIOA. Regarding Board Composition, Nancy will draft a letter to be reviewed by the Executive Committee expressing concerns regarding Board nominations that were submitted to the Governor's Office for consideration.

Nancy reported that the new Office Manager has been hired and will begin her duties on Monday, January 11th. The vacant Assistant Coordinator's position has also been posted and 140 applications were received. Interviews will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Executive Director Olson will be traveling to Washington, DC at the end of this month with a team from DLT for a WIOA conference being sponsored by USDOL – ETA.

The agenda for the Board meeting will include an update from Tech Collective regarding the H1-B Ready to Work Grant and success stories from the netWORKri offices.

October Dashboard

Diane Vendetti presented the October Dashboard.

PY15/FY16 Fiscal Reports 09/30/15

Executive Director Olson presented the fiscal reports. Chair Kitchin inquired as to whether any consideration was being given to the transfer of funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult. He also asked whether JDF funds from GWB for youth programs were in jeopardy given the shift in funding priorities to Real Jobs RI. She stated based on conversations at GWB meetings, Youth and Adult Education funding should remain intact.

Committee Reports

Board Development/Marketing Task Force

Chair Paul Ouellette reported that the committee has not met and reiterated concern about outstanding nominations.

Strategic Development and Evaluation

Chair Gail Patry indicated that the committee met in November but that there were no voting items to bring before the Board.

Finance Committee

No report.

Youth Committee

Chair Paul Wielgus reported that outcomes of the summer programs were positive and that the next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for January 14th.

Adjournment

Chair Kitchin requested a motion to adjourn at 9:25 a.m.

Vote: Paul Ouellette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane Vendetti*